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SGA VP pleads to traffic safety Board to fix crosswalk

By Allen Arrick
Editor in Chief

Student Government vice president Amy Whitehouse appeared before the Tyler Traffic Safety Board on Thursday to discuss the potentially dangerous crosswalk between The Cambridge and the University.

Whitehouse urged the board to find ways to increase the safety of students walking to and from the apartment complex across Old Omen Road.

She said the best case scenario would be adding flashing lights, reduce the speed limit, make larger signs and paint crossing signs on the pavement as well as adding lights into the pavement.

"For adding new lights and the crosswalk warning system, they aren't sure if they have the money," Whitehouse said. And they don't have it anywhere else in the city."

Whitehouse, a Cambridge resident as well, said she avoids crossing the street early in the morning

or late at night, and drives instead.

While she said she wants flashing lights and LEDs in the street, she said she would be happy with a lowered speed limit and better signage.

Whitehouse suggested the current speed limit be reduced by 10 miles per hour to 35.

Interim Traffic Engineer Justin Smith was not available for comment on Friday, but according to an article in the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, Smith said a traffic study showed there were enough gaps

during morning hours for students to cross, and the situation did not warrant a traffic signal.

Whitehouse also said several people have been clipped while riding their bikes over the crosswalk. The *Talon* checked Tyler and University police and found no such reports.

"They [the Board] said they were looking into it more. He [Smith] has to do more statistics on it," Whitehouse said.

SGA trying to fill senate seats after conflicts leave vacancies

By Joseph Elerson
Staff Writer

The College of Business and Technology filled their vacant senate seat within the Student Government Association with the appointment of junior Christa Wilke.

She joins fellow college senators Tim Ballard and Albert Moon and said she is ready to get to work.

"I am definitely hoping to get my voice out on all upper level classes now for the most part," she said. "I think that I have made a lot of connections with all of the people that I know and I believe that we can make improvements in the Business Building. Also, improvements around campus and I know they are talking about lighting and I do have business classes that run late. I know they are starting to work on that and that is basically it for the department."

SGA reported eight senate seats open at their Jan. 28

to the list on Wednesday.

With the open senator seats, Ambort said the time commitment can affect the number of senators they have each semester.

"I think from switching over from the fall to the spring, there is class conflicts and so this semester students that are having classes that start at 5 or 6 p.m. are not able to make the commitment," she said. "I think it goes back to the class schedule since there is only certain things offered at certain times and then also there are students that are more involved in athletics."

One concern Ambort addressed within the SGA is with Ornelas Hall, as the residence hall currently is vacant as no representatives are in office this semester. She said the reasoning is based on those senators having other commitments.

"That is something that I am working on right now is talking



Tyler firefighters worked throughout Monday night to smother the fire that destroyed three historic buildings on the downtown square.

Officials say Student Services underutilized

By Joseph Elerson
Staff Writer

The Office of Student Services is finding ways to get the word out to students about their services with their new offices located in ADM 360.

"I guess it is because of the students being young and not knowing where we are located on campus," Student Services Director Ida MacDonald said. "These students are paying for these services and they may be afraid that someone will know that they are coming to see us."

Students are currently paying a Student Services fee of \$11 per credit hour up to \$150 per semester in order to use these services provided on campus.

With services offered in counseling, disability, wellness and prevention, testing services and the University Health Clinic, which is a partnership with the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler, approximately 2,200 students utilized the programs last year.

MacDonald said that counseling services had 1,400 scheduled

appointments and specific target seminars for students to talk about the daily stresses of college life last year.

"We also had approximately 800 plus students who were affected through crisis intervention efforts, residential life training, classroom seminars, health fairs, nursing orientations and other services that we provided. Wellness and Prevention activities intertwines with some of the counseling activities which also affects many more," she said.

The services that are provided with Counseling Services are:

- individual personal counseling
- career counseling
- learning strategies program
- relaxation training
- consulting and guidance
- classroom and community support
- educational workshops
- presentations and referrals as stated on their website.

"For counseling services, that is different from disability services and this involves self-coun-

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By Aaron May
Staff Writer

Turn of the century craftsmanship proved it can withstand the test of time Monday night as a portion of historic downtown Tyler went up in flames.

Gray smoke and the smell of freshly burned wood still filled the air in the Tyler city square Wednesday morning while investigators from Tyler Fire Department and federal officials began the search for the source of the fire.

The fire, which began around 7:20 p.m. Monday night, burned through the Keith Miller Law Firm located at 115 North Spring Ave. and the currently vacant J. Pabst building to the north.

The firewalls of the two J. Pabst buildings at 118 and 111 North Spring Ave. prevented the flames from spreading to the rest of the storefront, deputy fire marshal Paul Findley, said.

"Firewalls are required whenever you have a strip of buildings that are attached," Jeff Akin, public information officer for Tyler Fire Department, said.

"The firewalls did their job," he said. "They helped us be able to stop the fire at those locations."

Dr. Michael McGinnis, a University assistant professor of civil engineering, said firewalls are designed to do three things.

"Firewalls need to have stability. They need to be able to carry the load of the build-

ing," he said. "They need to have integrity. They can't allow hot smoke or gasses to pass through them."

Firewalls also must provide insulation from heat, he said.

Heat can still be transferred through a wall even if flames are contained, McGinnis said.

Firewalls must be able to absorb the heat as well, he said.

He said structural engineers rate firewalls by how many hours it takes for the wall to weaken under extreme heat.

Firewalls also must be tall enough to prevent the fire from crossing over the top of the wall, he said.

McGinnis teaches a class on fire behavior to engineering students and said he hopes to offer the class to local fire fighters in the future.

The affected buildings, situated in the middle of a storefront on the east side of the Tyler square, date to the late 1800s, Mary Jane McNamara, a volunteer with the Smith County Historical Society, said.

The Pabst buildings used to have the date 1892 painted on the fronts and the building in the middle dates to the early 1900s, she said.

McNamara said she believes the Pabst family spared no expense to ensure their buildings would last a long time.

"The Pabst family wanted the best of everything so they probably built a state-of-

the-art building for their time," McNamara said.

"Businessmen in those days took pride in their work and wouldn't put their name on something shoddy," she said.

She said she is grateful the firewalls did their job and prevented the fire from destroying the rest of the block.

"It's great that when they built it they built it right," she said.

Neighboring businesses suffered smoke and water damage but should be able to reopen soon, Findley said.

"We hate that the fire happened but we're glad to be able to stay open," Ruby Smith, assistant manager of Levines Department Store said.

Akin said the lack of wind on Monday night and the assistance from Smith County fire departments also helped contain the blaze.

Findley said ladder trucks from Lindale and Bullard helped pour water on the flames from over head while volunteer fire departments from Flint, Gresham, Noonday and Dixie supported by fighting the fire and manning the empty Tyler fire stations.

Akin said the fire department is working in cooperation with a national response team from ATF to determine the source and cause of the fire.

As of Wednesday, the structures still

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SGA approves cap increase for SGAC

By Joseph Elerson
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association general assembly granted the Student Government Appropriations Committee a \$625 cap increase from a proposed \$750 increase to student organizations Wednesday afternoon.

The motion states that the Student Government Appropriations Committee Guidelines be amended so that the maximum amount of funding that an organization can receive would be increased to \$625 per semester.

"It is definitely not the gain that we were looking for with the original \$750 but this is a good start," he said. "With this money, it will allow orga-

nizations to go further with their goals and also allows them to expand options in improving campus events themselves."

The legal concerns in question came about after the original idea was brought before the association's executive board.

"\$750 per semester was an idea brought up in the Executive Board Meeting and is not an original figure since it was not in the form of a motion," Ambort said. "The concern is that SGA be fair in the allocation of all funds."

Last year, the SGAC gave out \$4,000 per semester, with each organization getting a maximum

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Alcohol petition passes; officials to call election

By Allen Arrick
Editor in Chief

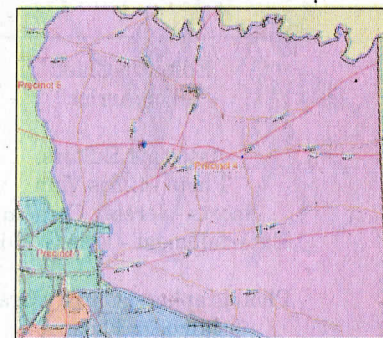
A Smith County political action committee collected enough signatures in Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 to call for a May 9 election to legalize the sale of beer and wine in the precinct, Karen Cheney, Smith County elections administrator said.

Precinct 4 covers the north-

east portion of Smith County, just outside of Loop 323 in Tyler and less than two miles from the University.

The Smith County Citizens for Economic Growth, collected 1,509 signatures of registered voters in Precinct 4.

Only voters in JP Precinct 4 are allowed to vote for the ballot item.



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POLICE REPORTS

The Patriot Talon obtained the following information from police records at the University Police Department and the Tyler Police Department between Jan. 12 and Jan. 31.

Tyler Police responded to an assault call at The Cambridge apartment buildings on Jan. 18.

The report says Gavin Midgley received minor injuries and paramedics treated him on the scene.

Jan. 12 – Someone reported an iPod and a Dell laptop computer stolen from a Silver Volkswagen Jetta at The Cambridge apartments.

Jan. 14 – Someone reported an acoustic guitar and a bicycle stolen from The Cambridge apartments.

Jan. 22 – Someone reported a global positioning system and a radar detector stolen from a red GMC

sierra at The Cambridge apartments.

Jan. 25 – Tyler Police reported four bags of marijuana were found at The Cambridge apartments.

Jan. 29 – University Police assisted the Tyler Police Department as the Baptist Student Ministry building on Patriot Drive after someone reportedly made threatening comments at the location.

Jan. 30 – Campus Security responded to a vehicle accident in parking Lot 9.

Jan. 30 – A person reported a white Ford pick-up truck hit a Harley Davidson motorcycle in parking Lot 9. The witness said the driver of the truck left the scene.

Jan. 31 – University Police called a tow truck to remove an abandoned car from parking Lot 9.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dress donations

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and Community Partners for Children are now accepting donated formal dresses and attire for East Texas foster children.

Organizers plan to give the donated dresses to young ladies to wear to prom.

Donations are being accepted in ADM 342 or ADM 345 until Feb. 19.

Warning: Hawks swooping

Campus walkers beware.

A mother hawk is protecting "her" territory in the grassy area between the nursing building and the Cowan Center.

Officials are encouraging students, faculty and staff to avoid this section of the campus to avoid the swooping bird.

Parent Conference

An annual parenting conference is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Ornelas Activity Center featuring Dr. Kathy Koch.

Koch is the founder of Celebrate Kids, Inc., which is a program to encourage and equip parents, educators and kids of all ages to meet their core needs of security, identity, belonging, purpose and competence in healthy ways.

She plans to speak on "How Am I Smart: Releasing Your Child's Multiple Intelligences."

The speech focuses on the eight intelligences of

logic, word, people, nature, music, body, self and picture to determine what their children's intelligences are and how they play a role in their behavior and future choices as stated in a press release.

Continuing education credit is available for professional counselors, social workers, marriage and family therapists and teachers, as stated in the press release.

Registration before Feb. 12 is \$15 and late registration is \$20. Cotton Patch Café is scheduled to provide lunch.

Muntz Exhibit

A public exhibition produced by Humanities Texas titled "Africa in the Americas: Slavery in Spanish and Portuguese Realms" currently is displayed at the Robert R. Muntz Library as part of Black History Month observance.

The exhibit traces the experience of Africans in Latin America from the establishment of slavery to the dawning of emancipation with the Haitian Revolution.

"The Muntz Library presents 'Africa in the

Americas' as a means to promote ongoing dialogue about the history of the 'New World' and common aspects of the heritage of American countries, both north and south," said Angel Rivera, University outreach librarian.

The exhibit will continue through Feb. 27.

Humanities Texas develops and supports diverse programs across the state, including lectures, oral history projects, teacher institutes, museum exhibitions and documentary films.

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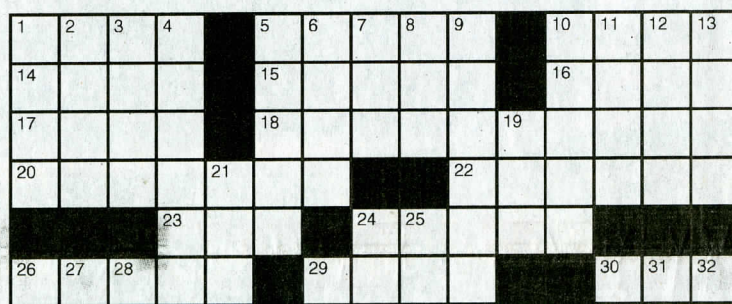
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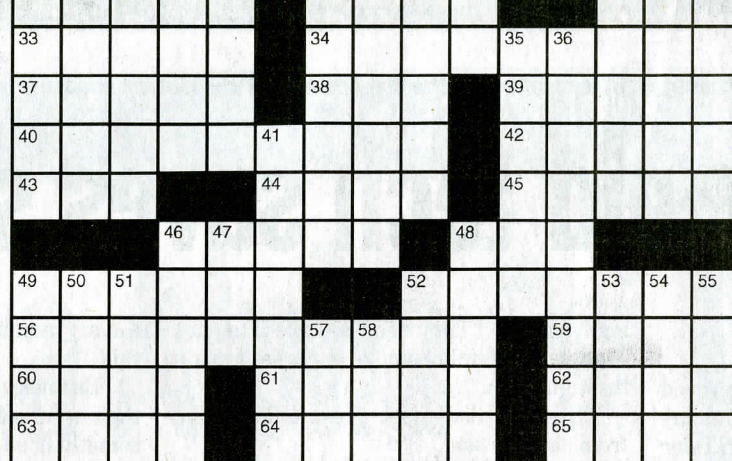
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CollegeHumor Vs. Family Guy

MTV challenges FOX for Sunday night TV ratings

By Kyle G. Horst
Entertainment Editor

MTV is making a statement with a new Sunday night lineup that is sure to impress.

Over the last few years, MTV has been constantly cranking out heaping mounds of steaming fecal matter called "My Super-Sweet 16," and "Parental Control." MTV is making a comeback with four brand new shows that are aimed at competing with FOX's Sunday night lineup.

The first show that is being premiered is "Rob Dyrdek's Fantasy Factory," starring Rob Dyrdek from the Rob & Big duo.

Dyrdek has recently built a 25,000 square foot indoor skate park and headquarters to run his skateboarding empire, Dyrdek Enterprises. The best part of this

new headquarters is the main office which sits in the center of the building on a cement platform.

Dyrdek continues to make things happen in an outlandish way, and attracts the attention of other skateboarders and professional NBA basketball players such as Lamar Odom, who Dyrdek challenges to a one-on-one game of hoops.

The second and most talked about premier is "The CollegeHumor Show."

The online pop culture phenomenon CollegeHumor.com is a domain where

users are able to upload photos, videos, and stories about all of their crazy scholarly adventures.

Now in a scripted format, the CollegeHumor interns and staff show the world what goes on behind the scenes in this "Animal House" type atmosphere. Jokes are only interrupted by a five-minute work break, only to return to fast-paced antics such as turning your boss's office into a ball pit.

"Nitro Circus," the third show in the two-hour lineup combines "Jackass" with professionals. Honestly. The producers of "Jackass" Jeff Tremaine and Johnny Knoxville teamed up with Travis Pastrana, Gregg Godfrey and Jeremy Rawle who produced the Nitro Circus DVD series.

This show should actually be titled "Don't even think about doing this at home you weasel." Pastrana, Godfrey and Rawle

have been known for doing things that normally kill people. Pastrana proved to the world that a double back flip on a motorcycle is possible, and that jumping out of an airplane without a chute is a good idea.

"Unlike 'Jackass,' the Nitro Circus guys actually are professionals," Johnny Knoxville said. "But that doesn't mean that they got all their marbles, because they don't."

people, performing at concerts and getting cooking lessons with Amy Sedaris.

"How's your News" has been around since 1998, but when the "Southpark" producers ran across it, they saw how the reporters are able to get honest answers out of people while using sincerity mixed with intense hilarity.

The new lineup started Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. Central time, and will continue every week for the rest of the season at 8 p.m.

For the last 26 years, MTV has combined music, creativity, and pop culture giving two generations a modern media outlet.

I still feel that MTV should play more music, but I'll settle for MTV 2&3 and VH1 Classic.

The last show of the night is "How's your News" starring cast members with disabilities. The cast will be touring the United States interviewing



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Flight 1549 communications released, enhanced online

By Kyle G. Horst
Entertainment Editor

In a world where heroes now resemble Brittany Spears, Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger is a person you can count on.

On Jan 15, Flight 1549 went into the Hudson River after suffering a dual "bird strike," a term that means a bird has flown into a jet engine. The term is misleading and should be renamed "engine suck."

Sullenberger calmly asked air-traffic controllers to clear all runways at LAX to hopefully return the plane home, but with no engines he told controllers "we're going to be in the Hudson [river]."

Dr. Michael E. Eidenmuller from the department of communication announced that the full voice recordings and transcripts of the incident are on his web site Americanrhetoric.com, and the

sound quality has been enhanced for clarity.

The gaps in between the conversations between the airport control tower and Flight 1549 are surprising; one of the time gaps is about three minutes long.

The voice recording and transcripts are on Americanrhetoric.com. Any questions can be directed to Dr. Eidenmuller at 903.566.7287 or eiden@mail.ut-tyl.edu.

MTV casting call

By Kyle G. Horst
Entertainment Editor

MTV network is holding an open casting call for the new season of "Engaged and Underage."

Ideal candidates are between 18-22 years old and are planning a wedding during February or March.

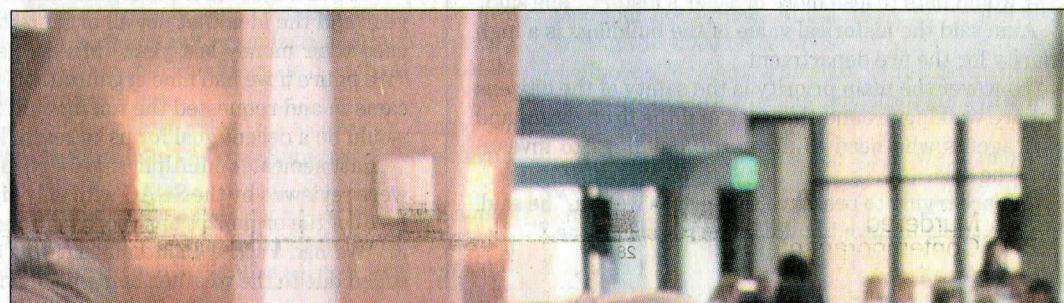
If selected, a MTV camera crew would follow the couple around for the time before the wedding

documenting the stress and pressure that the young couple goes through.

MTV will be premiering two teasers for the new season on Feb. 14. These episodes will be the first new ones in one and a half years.

For more information on "Engaged and Underage," call Stephanie Prepon at 212.846.6985 or visit www.mtv.com/ontv/castingcall/.

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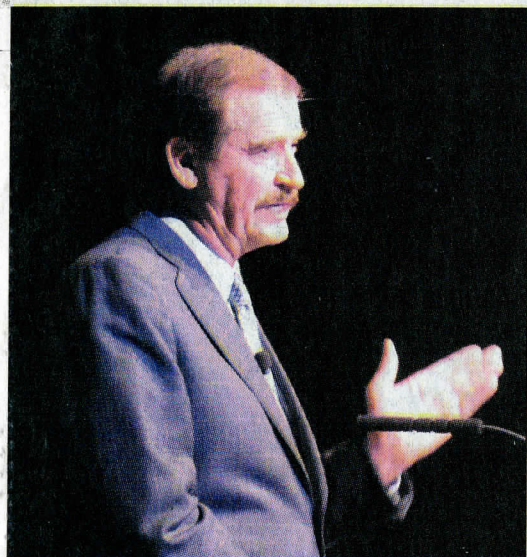


By Kyle G. Horst
Entertainment Editor

Three weeks into the spring semester, the University of Texas at Tyler's R. Don Cowan Center has plenty of events to entertain show goers until final exams.

The next show of this season is the Billy Joel inspired "Movin' Out" on Tuesday. Also this week, "Tango Fire," a fast paced Argentinean themed dance show

The Valentines Day dance show will be packed



FILE PHOTO **KYLE G. HORST**
Former Mexican President Vicente Fox speaks at the Cowan Center. The performance hall features several famous acts every season.

Taken worth 9 bucks

By Kyle G. Horst
Entertainment Editor

Liam Neeson stars in yet another action packed flick where baddies get what is coming to them.

Neeson, who is a ex CIA agent who quit the agency to reconnect with his family. However, he is divorced so his daughter is under dual custody.

This is a problem; Neeson's daughter needs his signature to go on a trip to Europe with her friend.

Paranoia on his mind, Neeson refuses at first, but eventually allows her to go.

Bad move on his part. His daughter and her best friend get kidnapped by Albanians for forced prostitution.

After Neeson has a quaint conversation with the kidnappers on her mobile phone, and then goes after them. They quickly blow

him off, but he gets his revenge. He flies overseas and starts his action packed hunt for his daughter.

The pace of this movie is intense, at 93 minutes long, the feature seemed to be one of the fastest ones I have ever seen. The movie could have been stretched to at least two hours, the characters could have been expanded upon a little more.

This film is not catered to dra-

ma and chick-flick fans. This is a brilliantly executed action film that does not have too many outlandish scenes like "Crank" did.

The action and plot are believable, and Neeson actually gets shot, which is rare for most action movies.

I highly recommend this movie to anyone looking for a movie that is slightly suspenseful and action packed.



FILE PHOTO **MCT**

with aggressive and erotic choreography and should be a great show for after dinner.

On Feb. 28 Russian born pianist virtuoso Elena Baksht will be guest starring with the East Texas Symphony Orchestra. Popular songs will be performed such as Ravel's Bolero and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2.

Harper Lee's novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" will be preformed on Mar 7. The Pulitzer Prize winning novel features Atticus Finch an attorney and single father who defends a black man accused of rape in court.

April is jam packed with events, starting with violinist Itzhak Perlman on April 4. Perlman is a world-renowned musician who recently preformed at President Obama's inauguration.

April 21 features the Trey McIntyre Project, a contemporary ballet project that mixes ballet with modern music from the Beatles and other artists.

The ETSO has another concert on April 25 featuring the music of Aaron Copland. The performance will be set to photography by James Westwater and will mesh and change with the music during the concert.

The last performance is the "Drowsy Chaperone" on April 27. The Tony Award winning musical has a unique plot: when a musical fan listens to her favorite album, it magically comes to life and the adventure begins.

Ticket sales are on a rolling basis, with tickets usually going on sale about a month before the performance.

For more information call 903.566.7424 or navigate your web browser to uttyler.edu/cowan.



TALON **KYLE G. HORST**
Carol Killingley of Student life and leadership office welcomes families Saturday morning for parents day. 100 families registered for the event. Activities for the parents included brunch, campus tours, gift bags and giveaways, and the basketball game versus LeTourneau.

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with students that I know who are living there and trying to have them be a part of SGA," she stated. "We did have those positions filled until this semester. I am hoping to get those filled as quickly as possible."

Wilke said she hopes being named to the SGA can be a stepping stone for other members of the University to become involved.

"I definitely hope so," Wilke said. "I think this is a great opportunity and it is a really great way to get involved in what is happening on campus. You can help to make changes that would benefit the campus and also your own experience at UT-Tyler. I definitely hope to see more people come in and join us to make UT-Tyler better and have this be a change for the better."

If anyone is interested in joining SGA, an applicant can e-mail Ambort and set up a time to receive information on what is expected of each senator and then sign a senator verification release.

The release allows the SGA adviser Ona Tolliver or the Registrar's Office permission to check a candidate's academic standing.

"We are filling these seats through the remainder of this semester," Ambort said. "With open senator appointments, these are just voting within the meeting themselves."

Prospective senators can contact Ambort by sending her an e-mail at: kambort@patriots.uttyler.edu or sga@patriots.uttyler.edu, or calling 903.565.5557 to make an appointment.

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smoldered and investigators could not get inside to look around.

"After the roof collapsed, there are small pockets of the building we can't get to with the fire hoses," Akin said. "We just have to wait it out and put out any flames as they appear."

Tom Crowley, public information officer for the federal bureau of alcohol, tobacco and firearms, said investigators are gathering any video footage they can of the event in order to help them determine where the fire started.

"We're checking with local businesses. We're checking news video tapes and any other tapes that may have seen anything," he said.

McNamara said she hopes the building facades can be saved so they can be rebuilt.

"I would hate to lose more of Tyler's history," she said.

Akin said the historical value of the buildings is a high priority for the fire department.

"However the main priority is the safety of the citizens that are walking around this area and the firefighters and ATF agents who need to enter the buildings to investigate," he said.

"We are trying to preserve as much as we can," he said. "We are going to have to take it one step at a time."

Services

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selling," she said. "That is related to anything from really serious to nothing serious at all and they may have conflicts with a roommate, anxiety, nervousness, concerns and a variety of other things."

MacDonald said within counseling services they must follow strict confidentiality laws to protect the well being of their students.

"We are here for them and we are concerned for our students," MacDonald said. "The counseling service is free for them if they do it during school hours. There is a service that we do with marriage counseling and talking with boyfriend and girlfriend, but I cannot see them if they are not a student."

With Disability Services being funded by state fees, coordinator Donna Kachlic said the University had 102 cases through the Office of Disability services and is required to provide these services for students.

"This is a mandate by law that we have to be here and disability services receive no student services fees," Kachlic said. "State fees fund us and we have to provide these services on campus and do not believe students should pay for these services."

The department saw a drop in the number of students they are providing assistance to this semester due to seven students who graduated from the University last year.

"We have 96 students who we are giving assistance to this semester," Kachlic said. "Interestingly some students do not use their accommodations on campus. If they bring me a class schedule that tells me that they need accommodations and I usually provide them with those services."

With students having the opportunity to take test each week through the Testing services office, MacDonald said the testing services

are provided on an ongoing basis.

Test are scheduled for students in CLEP, Correspondence, TExES/ExCET, MAT, SAT, LSAT, GMAT and Quick THEA.

"Our testing services offer a variety of different test with a new testing coordinator [Ramsey Williams]," MacDonald said. "We offer Accuplacer and disability testing and these test are by appointment only."

Every semester and long summer session, the student body pays a medical services fee of \$35 and \$15 during the Summer I and II sessions.

The fees are used to maintain the University Health Clinic, located at 3310 Patriot Drive. According to the University Health Clinic's Web site, the Medical Services fees pay for:

physician and nurse practitioner primary care services

history/physical exam for minor illnesses and injury

women's wellness exam and family planning including pregnancy testing.

on-site lab testing - glucose, urinalysis, and screenings for mononucleosis (mono spot), influenza (flu), and streptococcal pharyngitis (strep throat)

repair of uncomplicated lacerations

chronic health condition monitoring

TB skin testing

wellness education and health promotion activities and counseling services provided by University counseling staff.

"We also have the Health Clinic, which is a partnership with the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler," MacDonald said. "Students are required to pay a fee for access for basic appointments and nurse practitioners and basic things that are offered. I am very happy with having that service for students."

SGAC

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of \$500. This semester, SGAC is planning for nine of the 52 organizations currently working on registration with the Office of Student Life and Leadership to receive up to \$625.

"Once the \$5,000 has been allocated there are no remaining funds for student organizations to request," Ambort said. "In many cases, the student organizations do not use the full amount thus we can continue to provide funds for more organizations."

With only nine organizations receiving the full \$625 per semester, the figure would consume the entire \$5,000 per semester budget allocated to SGAC.

McAlpin said the numbers were based on figures from last year's budget and being able to set a realistic goal.

"It was based off of the organizations last year and the idea that not all organizations used their money last year," McAlpin said. "We figure if we had nine organizations that came in and requested the full amount that would be a decent goal for us to reach."

Last semester, McAlpin said 14 requests were reviewed by the SGAC with only eight-to-10 of the organizations receiving funds.

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International Student Organization had to cancel their request due to a health issue on campus for a health permit," he said. "Two of the organizations were not registered within the Office of Student Life and Leadership so we could not grant them the funds."

Ambort said the reason as to why they had a \$6,000 surplus from the fall semester was based on organizations not using the full amount allocated to them last semester.

"All funds were not used from last semester because student organizations may request the full \$500 but only use a portion of that," she said. "In addition, there are times when student organizations do not submit requests."

McAlpin said with the new increase, student organizations can e-mail him with the request or bring them to UCN 209 for review.

"I never ran into the situation last semester where we ran out of money," he said. "In one sense that would be great if we could give out all of the money and the student organizations came and requested that. It is a first-come, first served basis so we encourage organizations to apply early within



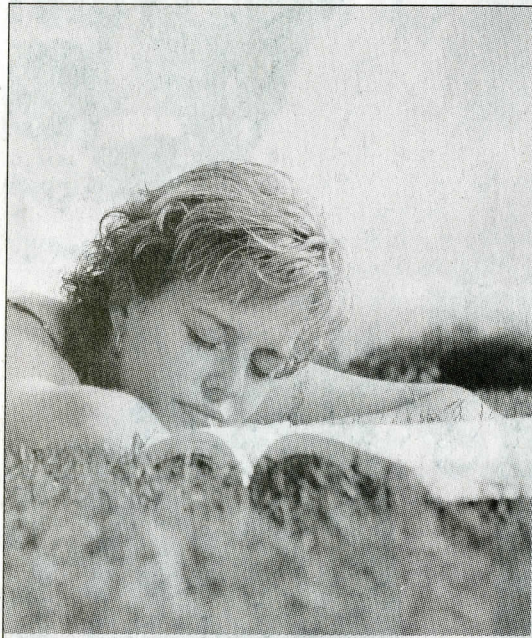
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moderator for Region seven, Sydney Cox, speaks to the delegation on Feb 6. More than 200 middle school students from East Texas took part in the conference.

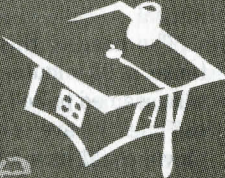


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Lose the booze:

Substance-free college housing provides haven for abstemious students

By Susan Snyder

The Philadelphia Inquirer
(MCT)

PHILADELPHIA – Students flooded into the college house in Allentown, Pa., on a Friday night, headed straight for the bar, and ordered drinks. The blenders whirled.

"Bottoms up," the student bartender said as drinkers tipped their cups.

Soon Muhlenberg College's campus police officers were at the party, also drinking.

After all, the plastic red cups were filled only with milkshakes. Vanilla. Chocolate. And strawberry.

No alcohol.

The house, on a quiet street near Muhlenberg's campus, is overseen by Clean and Sober Environment, a nearly two-year-old student-initiated organization that includes students in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction and others who abstain.

Perhaps there's no place more difficult to live alcohol- and drug-free than America's college campuses – the first step away from home for many students, a time to experiment, a time to let loose.

Half of full-time college students, many of whom are younger than the legal drinking age of 21, binge-drink or abuse prescription or illegal drugs, according to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. Almost one in four meets medical criteria for substance abuse and dependence, the group says.

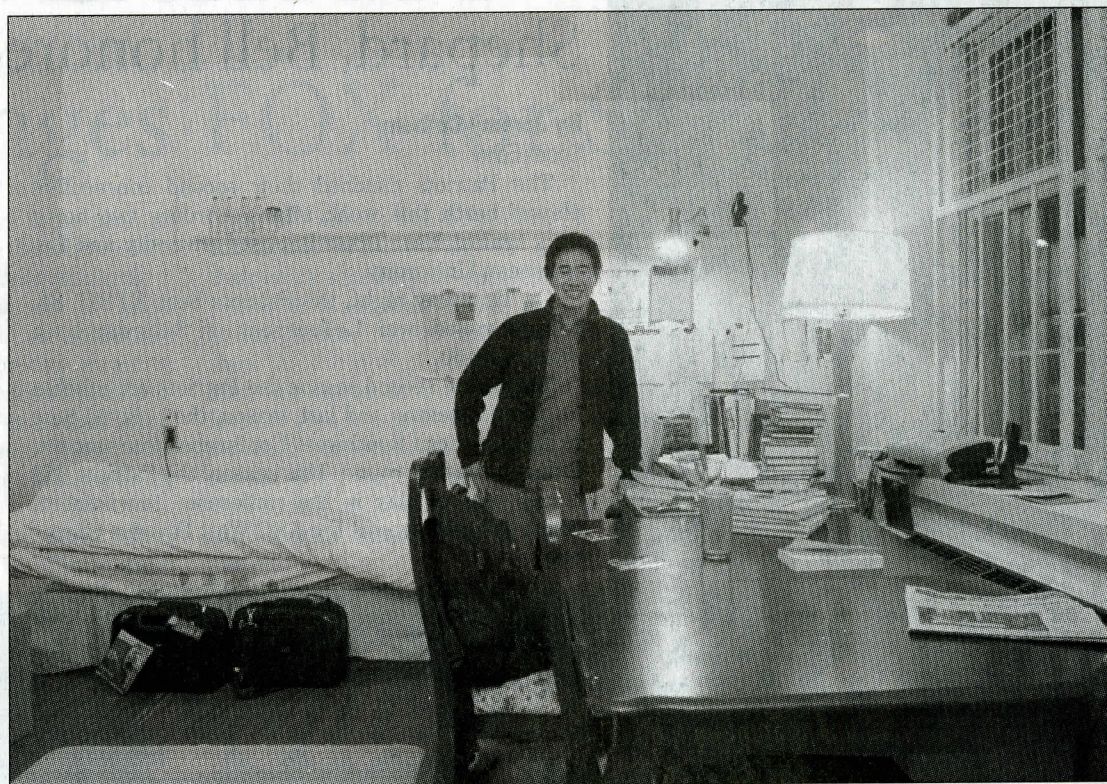
Despite the magnitude of the problem, few colleges have housing for students in recovery. Locally, besides Muhlenberg, the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University provide it. Some schools, including Penn and West Chester University, offer "healthy living" spaces for students looking for a drug- and alcohol-free oasis.

"There's no question that colleges have started to do more than they ever did, but they are by no means doing enough," said Joseph A. Califano Jr., chairman and president of the national addiction center at Columbia. "Higher education has to get the 'high' out of it."

At Muhlenberg, the clean-and-sober organization holds alcohol- and drug-free parties and other activities at the house. The events give students another social option and sometimes draw hundreds.

"When people come to college, it's hard to feel comfortable at a party situation where everyone is drinking and still feel like you're part of the party," said club president Amy Bauer, 20, a junior English and theater major from Rockaway, N.J.

"So things like this let people know it is possible to meet people, dance, and have a good time" without drugs or alcohol, she said. "You can be the life of



MCT » BONNIE WELLER

Mark Pan, a Penn sophomore who has lived on an alcohol-free floor since last year, says he wanted a college environment that was conducive not just to studying and sleeping but also to having fun.

Despite what experts say is widespread drinking on campuses, the demand for the special housing is small. At Muhlenberg, six students live in the college-owned house.

Penn two years ago designated a small wing of a dorm for as many as six students in recovery. It isn't full.

The Rutgers house for students in recovery has room for 20; 12 live there. Officials say numbers were kept smaller because of lack of staff. The house will return to capacity in the fall.

Knowing of the need, proponents want housing to grow both for students in recovery and those who want a substance-free environment.

"I'm confident that it will, and that other schools will catch on," said Julie Lyzinski, Penn's director for alcohol and other drug programs.

The Muhlenberg house, amid a mix of upscale and middle-class houses, looked like any other college house hosting a party. There was loud music in the basement and dancing under strobe lights. Upstairs, students chatted.

"When I was a freshman and I didn't want to drink, it was really difficult," Bauer said. "It took

me a long time to feel confident enough to go to a party."

Then she met Aaron Lawson, now 21 and a senior theater and sociology major from Maine, and Philip Lakin, also 21, a senior theater and communications major from Wayne, N.J. They had just attended a program at the Addiction Studies Institute in Ohio and wanted to start a group for students in recovery and to connect it with others on campus.

Bauer decided to join in.

"I knew there were other people out there like me, and I wanted to do something about it," she said.

The organization, which gets funding through the student council, won a campus award in its first year for best student organization. About 20 people come to the group meetings, and 50 more are on the club's mailing list.

The house has rules: no alcohol or drugs, not even medications such as Robitussin. No entering intoxicated.

The students in recovery asked that their names not be published. One student said he had difficulty when he returned to campus several years ago after

going through a recovery program.

"My friends would drink on weekends. You hang out at the barbershop long enough, you're going to get a haircut," he said as he drank his vanilla milkshake.

The organization made life on campus easier, he said.

The need for alternatives is seen at Muhlenberg's counseling center. Ten percent to 18 percent of students who seek help report alcohol or drug issues, said Anita Kelly, Muhlenberg's director of counseling. Once in counseling, more students reveal that they have a substance-abuse problem, raising the percentage to about 25, she said.

At some campuses, including Penn and Rutgers, the location of the recovery housing – which is only for students in recovery – is kept secret to protect privacy.

Rutgers has been at it the longest – more than 20 years.

Lisa Laitman, director of the alcohol and other drugs assistance program, was hired in 1983 to start a recovery support group. "As the group got larger and larger, housing issues arose."

In 1988, the school agreed to open a recovery house on its main campus in New Brunswick.

Among the residents is Ryan, 19, of North Jersey, who has been there for a year and a half and is the student director. He has been in recovery since his junior year in high school and chose Rutgers because of the house.

"I couldn't see myself handling having alcohol around," he said. "This house affords me the opportunity to be on the right track."

Some schools have designated substance-free dorms or floors for students who abstain.

"I really wanted to live in a college environment that was conducive to not just studying and sleeping but also having fun," said Mark Pan, 19, a sophomore urban-studies major from San Jose, Calif., who has lived on a substance-free floor at Penn since last year.

"I enjoy going out to parties and going out in the city. I do so in a sober manner."

At West Chester, which designated several wings three years ago, students must sign contracts, pledging not to use. About 40 students live there, among the 4,000 on campus.

Marion McKinney, director of residence life, said she was not sure whether any students living in the hall were in recovery.

"If they let us know," she said, "we're more than willing to help them, but they don't have to let us know that."

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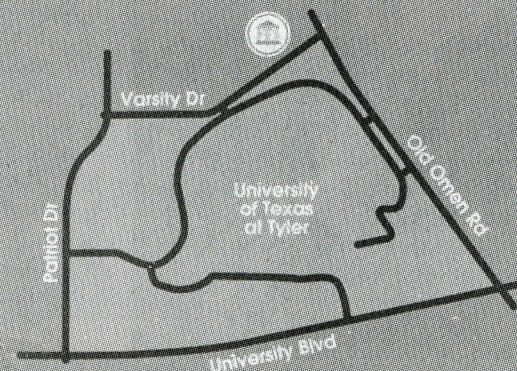


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Women clinch second straight playoff berth



Patriots sophomore Marci Trogus goes for a layup during the women's basketball game Thursday against East Texas Baptist University. The Patriots won 84-68.

Patriots on a five-game winning streak; Shepard, Bell honored on Senior Day

By Jeremy Cotham
Sports Editor

The Patriots clinched their second consecutive playoff berth this week after recording two home wins against East Texas Baptist University and LeTourneau University.

On Thursday night, the Patriots beat ETBU, 84-68, and rolled over LeTourneau on Saturday by a score of 89-60.

This is the second season the Patriots are eligible for the postseason and last season, they played host to the American Southwest Conference tournament, losing in the first round. This season, the Patriots will travel west to play in the conference tournament, which will be played at the ASC West Division Champion.

In Saturday's game against LeTourneau, the Patriots dominated the Lady Jackets the same way they did last week, dominating the game from the beginning and never giving up the lead.

The Patriots opened the game on a 10-0 run, making their first five baskets with Lindsay Eaton scoring six of those points.

The next five points came from Becky Taylor to extend the lead to 15-4. Both Eaton and Taylor started the game making their first five shots each.

Eventually, the Patriots rolled to a 47-32 lead at the half, shooting an outstanding 66.7 percent from the field and 9-of-9 from the free-throw line.

In the second half, the lead increased even further when the Patriots went on a 22-8 run in the first six minutes to increase the lead to 69-40. Both teams went on to score 20 more points each to end the game.

Leading the way for the Patriots was Eaton, who almost recorded a rare tripe-double. Eaton put in 25 points (two shy of her career high) while pulling down 10 rebounds and dishing out a career-high tying seven assists.

"Lindsay is becoming such a great shooter from about 15 feet out," coach Terri Deike said. "She is also leading our team in assists because she can kick it out to Marci or anyone else on the wing. All in all, Lindsay has really developed in seeing the floor this season."

Taylor followed Eaton with 18 points and eight rebounds while senior Marzetta Shepard finished with

14 points, six steals and five assists.

One other Patriot finished in double figures and that was Staci Hankins who recorded her new career high of 14 points.

On Thursday night against ETBU, the Patriots got off to a quick start, shooting just over 50 percent in the first half en route to a 50-39 lead.

However, in the second half, the Patriots shot 38 percent and scored 34 points but it was their defense stepping, holding the Lady Tigers to 33 percent shooting and 29 second-half points.

For the third time this season, the trio of Taylor, Eaton and Trogus recorded double-doubles with Taylor leading the way with 27 points and 10 rebounds. Trogus followed closely with 20 points and 10 rebounds while Eaton put up 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Shepard finished the game with 12 points, the only other Patriot in double figures.

Leading the way for ETBU was Candy Vallo who finished with 21 points and a game-high five assists.

Saturday was Senior Day for two Patriots in Shepard and Alyse Bell, who made her first start of the season and scored two points.

"I was so happy with the way Alyse played today. She doesn't get a lot of playing time and today was her time to play," Deike said. "She is such a great worker and never complains about her role on this team. I was glad to see Marzetta pass up and easy shot so Alyse could score the basket. That right there does my heart good because that is what a team is all about."

With the two wins, the Patriots improve to 14-7 overall and 11-5 in conference play. They also remain in third place in the ASC East Division, two games behind Mississippi College, who are in second place.

"This team is stepping up and finally jelling together. They feel bad for Melissa not being here but they know life must go on," Deike said. "Melissa is here with us in every practice and game and she will continue to support the team."

The Patriots finish the season with four road games with the next one coming on Thursday in Richardson at The University of Texas at Dallas, who sits in first place in the division with a record of 15-1.

The Patriots lost to UT Dallas earlier in the season, 85-77.

Men fall to LeTourneau, 75-65;



travel to UT Dallas on Thursday

By Clay Ihlo
Staff Writer

The Patriots men's basketball team went into last week tied for fourth in the American Southwest Conference East Division with The University of the Ozarks.

The Patriots needed a win against East Texas Baptist Thursday night to stay in that place and they got it.

The first half looked more like a tennis match than a basketball game.

The lead changed 10 times and the largest lead was seven points, which belonged to the Patriots after a corner three from Michael Johnson five minutes into the game.

Hakeem Kareem and Anthony Reese lead the Patriots in the first half with 19 of the teams 33 points.

The Patriots main accomplishment in the first half was holding ETBU's Jeremiah Pojah and Josh Chambers to only two points. The two combined for 29 points in the previous meeting.

In the the second half, Reese scored 16 points to start the half and was 4-for-4 from three point range. Reese's scoring frenzy also helped the Patriots go on a 9-2 that got them ahead 56-47.

The Tigers would get the lead down to

one with 1:39 left after a three-pointer by Jacob Turnipseed.

The Tigers then chose to foul and put pressure on the Patriots to make free-throw's, which they did. Johnson, Reese, and Larry Ware combined to make eight free throws in the final minute and get the Patriots a much needed 74-69 win.

Anthony Reese led all scorers with 28 points while Hakeem Kareem picked up another double-double, scoring 15 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

Larry Ware had a season high 15 points as well while Marlon Hill did not play due to a shoulder injury.

Saturday's game against LeTourneau unfortunately didn't end the same way as the ETBU game.

The Yellow Jackets started the game by scoring six unanswered points but the Patriots got back into it and tied the game at seven later in the half.

The scored stayed relatively close until halftime where it was 35-28 in favor of the YellowJackets. The Patriots didn't help themselves out much in the first half either, shooting only 35 percent to LeTourneau's 52 percent.

The Patriots, however, came out strong in the second half and scored nine points in

less than three minutes to take their first lead of the game at 37-35.

The score stayed close for the next 12 minutes until the YellowJackets went on a 9-2 run and put the Patriots in panic mode.

The Patriots then started to foul with three minutes left but LeTourneau would make them pay for it by making seven of their last ten free-throw's for the 75-65 win.

"LeTourneau is one of the best teams in this league when they have everything going," coach Kenny Bizot said. "I thought we could run a zone defense on them but we could not match up with them."

LeTourneau's Dale Vanwright, who is the ASC leading scorer, led all players with 19 points.

J.J. Rockmore had the only double-double of the game with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Hakeem Kareem led the Patriots in scoring with 18 points.

The Patriots still hold on to the final playoff spot in the ASC East Division after the Ozarks were upset at home by Louisiana College on Saturday.

The Patriots remaining four game are all on the road beginning with UT-Dallas and ending at Mississippi College.



TALON » KYLE G. HORST

Patriots' guard Anthony Reese looks for an lane to drive through during the men's 76-69 win Thursday against East Texas Baptist University.



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Patriot's Blake Booher pitches during Sunday's game against Trinity College. The Patriots won 10-2.

Patriots finish weekend off strong after falling to Concordia in season opener

By Clay Ihlo
Staff Writer

The University baseball team didn't get their season started out the way they had hoped against Concordia on Friday night.

The Patriots dropped their season opener 5-3 marking only the second time the Patriots have done so.

They would however get back to their winning ways on Saturday and Sunday by beating Trinity on both days

Friday night's game started out all Concordia.

The Tornadoes scored three runs in the bottom of the first on two singles and a sacrifice fly.

They would add another run in the second on a wild throw by Patriot shortstop Kendall Fox.

Concordia's starting pitcher Michael Johnson didn't help the Patriots' cause either.

Johnson was nearly flawless in the first five innings, giving up only one hit and striking out eight batters. The Patriots finally got a run across in the top half of the sixth on a double to left field by Jeremy Harding that

scored Jared Hood all the way from first.

The Patriots would add on another run in the seventh and threatened again the ninth. After the Patriots scored a run on a Chris Tucker single they had the bases loaded and two outs.

However, Harding struck out swinging on a changeup to end the game.

Saturday against Trinity would be a different story. Chris Tucker homered to lead off the game for the Patriots and Joe Towns would lead off the second with a home run as well.

The Patriots would add on three more run in the fourth and two in the fifth. Patriots' starter Lex Wolfe proved to be more than Trinity could handle too. Wolfe struck out nine and gave up only four hits in seven innings of work.

Trinity did push across three runs in the eighth off Patriot reliever Matt Starks.

Tigers' Stosh Hoover and Evan Jones both singled to bring in the runs.

Josh Long would come in and clean up the inning for the Patriots and shut the door in the ninth for a 10-3 Patriot victory.

Sunday's games would be the same story. The Patriots scored four runs in the third inning off a Jared Hood single and a bases loaded walk.

Patriots tacked on more runs in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings and took a 10-1 lead into the eighth.

Trinity scraped together another run in the eight on single by Jordan Pennington.

The Patriots also got their first look at pre-season All-American Blake Booher and he didn't disappoint.

Booher pitched six innings giving up no earned runs, three hits, striking out five and got the win as well.

"Coming back after that tough loss...was great. Our starting pitching set the tone. I couldn't be more proud of our guys," said head coach James Vilade.

"Booher came out throwing strikes, had a good breaking ball and the bullpen was great as well."

The Patriots continue their season with a double header against Castleton from Vermont on Sunday, starting at 1 p.m.

Steelers face a daunting task

By Vinny Ditrani

The Record (Hackensack N.J.)
(MCT)

TAMPA, Fla. — Mike Tomlin promises that two words you will not hear from him next NFL season are “repeat” and “defending.” That will be his approach to the tricky slope that faces every Super Bowl champion the year after their greatest success.

His Pittsburgh Steelers put themselves in position to repeat, something previous champions have found very difficult to do, with their thrilling 27-23 Super Bowl XLIII victory over Arizona Feb. 1. But in this era of NFL football, the group that celebrated in the locker room and on the field at Raymond James Stadium won't be the same group that convenes in July at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa.

“When I walk down the hallway and look at Steelers’ championship (teams) from the ‘70s, it’s the same faces in the same positions in those photos,” Tomlin said Monday, referring to the four Steel Curtain championship teams.

“That’s not the reality of today’s NFL, to be quite honest with you. We’re going to roll up our sleeves at the appropriate time and start with a new group of men. Hopefully a lot of them will be the same as we go about our business to try to compete. This group will always be special to me and will take its place in history. But it will be just that, history.”

Luckily for Tomlin, the Steelers don’t face the loss of many big-time free agents. Tackles Marvel Smith and Max Stark, guard Chris Kemoeatu, cornerback Bryant McFadden and wide receiver Nate Washington head the list of

those who could hit the market Feb. 27.

And at this late stage, it’s unlikely Tomlin will lose many, if any, members of his coaching staff. As the youngest coach ever to win the Super Bowl (he’ll be 37 on March 15), he has no thoughts of walking away in retirement or at least taking a sabbatical as his predecessor, Bill Cowher, did after winning Super Bowl XL.

Yet the task of getting back to the pinnacle the Steelers reached Sunday night is daunting. Some oddsmakers list the Steelers and Patriots at 6-1 co-favorites to win Super Bowl XLIV in Miami, with the Giants and Colts right behind them at 8-1. But that’s like trying to predict a storm track two weeks before it develops. The way teams sprout out of nowhere these days, plus the injury factor, make every season an unknown adventure.

“The thing that I am going to sell our football team is we are not attempting to repeat,” Tomlin insisted. “A lot of the faces will be the same, but nothing stays the same in this game. People will come and go, roles will change, some will ascend, some will descend. That’s the nature of today’s NFL. Our focus will be being the ‘one’ at the end of the season, and we will be no different than anyone else in that regard.”

Tomlin’s talk sounds similar to that of the Giants’ Tom Coughlin last year and the Colts Tony Dungy the year before and even Cowher the year before that. Try as they might, none of those coaches was able to return to the big stage the next season.

The Steelers will have some things going for them. First, there is the de-

fense, ranked No. 1 in the league the past two seasons and replete with play-makers such as James Harrison and Troy Polamalu and stalwarts such as James Farrior and Casey Hampton.

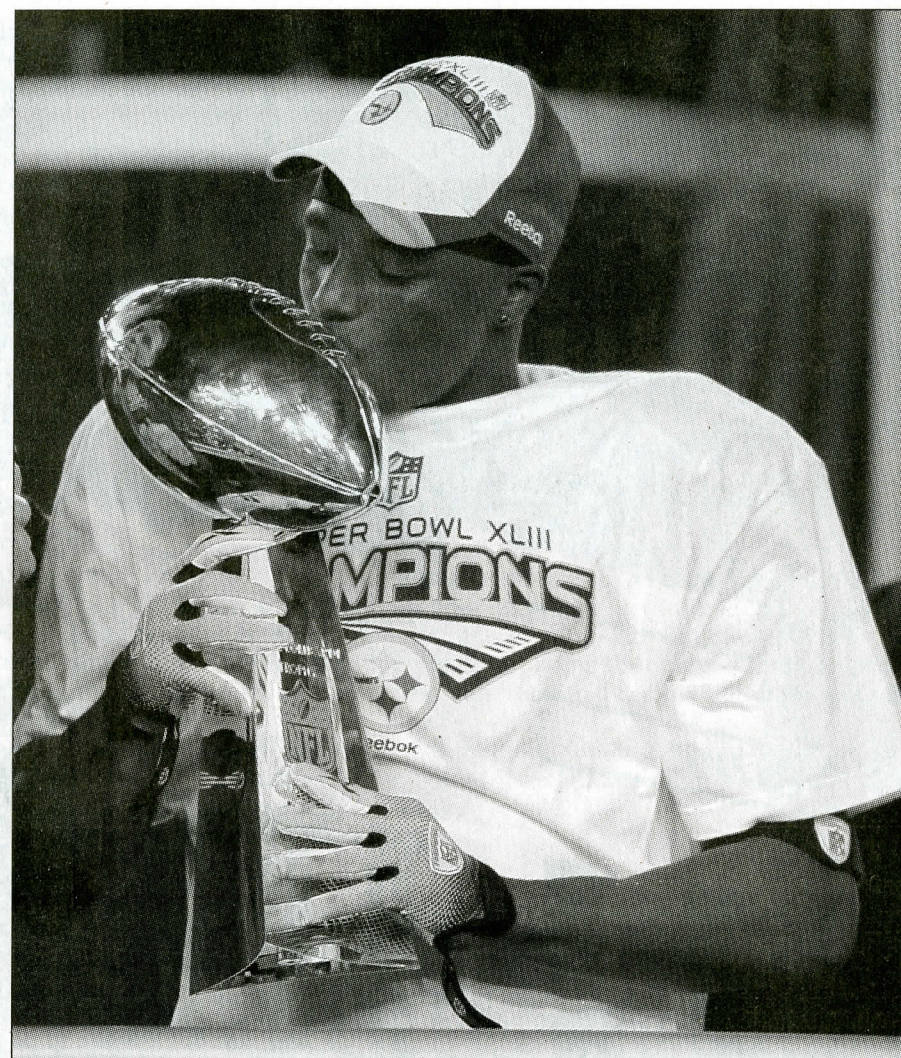
Unlike the Cardinals, whose veteran quarterback, Kurt Warner, is a free agent and contemplating retirement, Tomlin will have Ben Roethlisberger under center for quite a while. Roethlisberger already has two Super Bowl wins and in the latest one performed much better than he did in the Super Bowl XL win over Seattle.

And while veteran receiver Hines Ward may be on the downside, Antonio Holmes is emerging as a future star. Holmes earned Most Valuable Player honors for his nine-catch, 131-yard game that included the game-winning 6-yard reception with 35 seconds to play.

Tomlin suspended Holmes for the Giants’ game Oct. 26 after police found marijuana in his possession during a traffic stop. To see his wide receiver bounce back and have an extremely productive postseason capped by the great Super Bowl performance meant a lot to his coach.

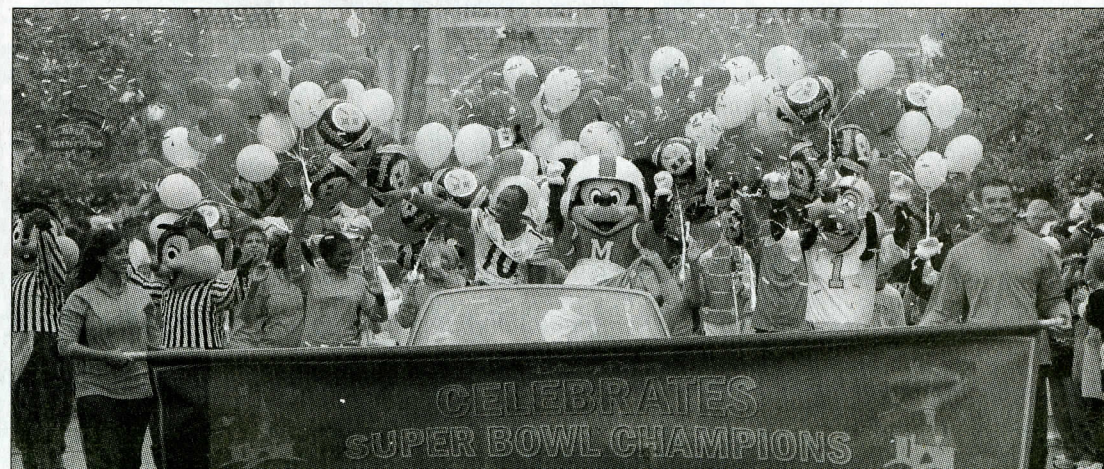
“That’s the business of coaching,” he said. “When you work the way we work with these players, you are a life-coach in a lot of ways. You care about them, you really do. You wear many hats in this business and I embrace that as much as I do the X’s and O’s.”

“I probably get more enjoyment out of watching people grow than from winning football games. It’s a beautiful thing. I believe what we are called to do.”



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Above: MVP Antonio Holmes celebrates as the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida, Sunday, Feb. 1. **Below:** Before the Disney World Super Bowl Parade, Rose Mannario, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, holds up a Mickey Mouse plush toy that she dressed as a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, Feb. 2, in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. **Below Left:** Antonio Holmes, Super Bowl XLIII champion of the Pittsburgh Steelers, celebrates victory by “Going to Disney World” with a victory Parade down Main Street USA at the Magic Kingdom, Feb. 2, in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.



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